IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Re: Patent Application of Csore, M. et al<br>Serial No.: 09/823,814<br>Filed: 30 March, 2001<br>For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING BLOOD PRODUCTS | Dated: 28 July, 2003<br>Group: Art Unit 1631<br>Examiner: Mahatan, C.<br>Action: AMENDMENT |

To the Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of 27 August, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

A clean version of the replacement paragraphs follows and a marked-up version of the replacement paragraph is attached to this amendment:

Page 1, line 1 (insert as separate paragraph):

Cross Reference to Related Application

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Serial No. 60/193,819, filed 31 March, 2000 for METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR

MANAGING BLOOD PRODUCTS (including Microfiche Appendix), by Miklos Csore et al and owned by the assignee of the present application.

Page 3, lines 17-24:

"Blood Type Definitions": A blood type is a way to classify blood into various groups. A blood type is determined by the presence or absence of antigens on the red blood cells, and the presence or absence of antibodies in the serum. A blood type definition in the computer database is the combination of antibodies and antigens for each blood group (ABO/Rh).

Page 9, lines 11 & 12; and lines 17-19:

Figures 4A and 4B are a flow chart illustrating the logic used in a standard compatibility test:

Figures 7A and 7B are a flow chart illustrating the logic used in an emergency patient product compatibility test;

Page 12, lines 27-28 through Page 13, line 11:

Completing the remote crossmatch is the process wherein a lab technician at the central laboratory L assigns a blood component identified by a segment to a patient specimen. Once the assignment is made, the lab technician proceeds to test the segment with the patient specimen to determine compatibility. Upon completing the crossmatch test, the lab technician enters the